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SUBJ: RECALL OF PARCHAMIST AMBASSADORS

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 6, IN THE MIDST OF THE OFFICIAL FOUR-DAY ID
HOLIDAY PERIOD, THE AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTRY DELIVERED TO THE
EMBASSY A NOTE, DATED SEPTEMBER 5, TERSELY ANNOUNCING THAT
"THE TERM OF OFFICE OF MR. NOOR AHMAD NOOR AS AMBASSADOR OF THE
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN IN WASHINGTON HAS ENDED." THE
NOTE FURTHER REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY "KINDLY INFORM THE
CONCERNED AUTHORITIES ABOUT THIS NEWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

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2. THE BRITISH EMBASSY HAS INFORMED US THAT IT HAS RECEIVED
AN IDENTICAL NOTE, ANNOUNCING THE TERMINATION OF ABDUL WAKIL'S
TENURE AT LONDON. A BRITISH DIPLOMAT HAD A CHANCE TO GLANCE
BRIEFLY AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY MESSENGER'S RECEIPT BOOK. HE
NOTED THAT NOTES WERE ALSO BEING DELIVERED TO THE FOLLOWING THREE
EMBASSIES FROM COUNTRIES WHERE PARCHAMIST LEADERS HAVE BEEN EXILED

AS DIPLOMATS SINCE LATE JUNE AND EARLY JULY: IRAN (DR. MOHAMMAD NAJIB AT TEHRAN); PAKISTAN (MAHMOUD BARYALAI, THE BROTHER OF BABRAK KARMAL, AT ISLAMABAD); AND YUGOSLAVIA (DR. ANAHITA RATEBZAD AT BELGRADE). ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO LOOK FURTHER, WE PRESUME THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY (BABRAK KARMAL AT PRAGUE) WAS UNDOUBTEDLY ALSO INCLUDED. BY PHONE, THE IRANIAN AMBASSADOR HAS ALSO CONFIRMED RECEIPT OF HIS SPECIAL NOTE.

3. EARLIER, ON SEPTEMBER 5, AN EMBASSY OFFICER WAS TOLD BY A RELATIVE OF BABRAK THAT: "ALL PARCHAMIST DIPLOMATS SERVING ABROAD HAVE BEEN OR SHORTLY WILL BE RECALLED. MOST, INCLUDING NOOR AHMAD NOOR, WILL NOT RETURN. HOWEVER, BABRAK KARMAL IS GOING TO COME TO FACE WHATEVER MUSIC IS IN STORE FOR HIM." (THE SOURCE WAS SO CONVINCED ABOUT HIS INFORMATION THAT HE HAD ALREADY SENT HIS SON OUT OF AFGHANISTAN FOR HIS SAFETY.)

4. AFTER RECEIPT OF OUR NOTE TODAY, I ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER HAFIZULLAH AMIN TO DISCUSS THE MEANING OF NOOR AHMED NOOR'S RECALL.

5. REQUEST: TO TMK EXTENT POSSIBLE, WOULD ADDRESSEE POSTS WITH PARCHAMIST AMBASSADORS PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED ABOUT THEIR PLANS OR WHEREABOUTS?

6. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT THE KHALQIST LEADERS AT KABUL HAVE DECIDED THAT THE EXILED PARCHAMIST LEADERS STILL REPRESENTED AN
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UNACCEPTABLE THREAT TO THEIR SECURITY -- PROBABLY BECAUSE THE LATTER WERE SEEN AS PLOTTING WITH LOCAL PARCHAMISTS AND OTHER OPPOSITIONISTS HERE -- AND HAVE ELECTED TO DEPRIVE THEM OF AN OFFICIAL BASE FROM WHICH TO OPERATE. WE EXPECT FEW TO HEED THE ORDER TO RETURN TO AFGHANISTAN.
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